

CITY OF CHICOPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
November 6, 2019

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Chicopee Wetland Ordinance Ch. 272, the Chicopee Conservation Commission held a public hearing on **Wednesday, November 6, 2019** at 6:15 PM, RiverMills Senior Center, Classroom 30, 5 West Main St., Chicopee, MA 01020

James Reidy opened the meeting at 6:15 PM and announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone was recording the meeting to please state their name and address for the meeting record.

Conservation Commission attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
James Reidy, Chair	X		
Jessica Dzwonkoski		X	
Celeste Donovan			X
Charles Payne	X		
Nicole Dewberry	X		
Sharon Balcom	X		

Planning/Conservation Staff attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Lee Pouliot, Director	X		
James Dawson, Development Manager	X		
Patrick McKenna, Assistant Planner			X
Nathan Moreau, Associate Planner			X

Item 1: Certificate of Compliance for Order of Conditions (NOI 17-006) – Baskin Property – West Main Street.

Notes: Planning Department Director Lee Pouliot gave an overview of the project and Brownfields to the Commission. Mr. Pouliot also explained how contamination is handled on Brownfields sites and how unexpected contamination on the subject site was discovered and dealt with once the site work began. He noted the discovery of contamination resulted in a re-evaluation of how the site clean-up process would occur. Commissioners asked questions of Mr. Pouliot to which he answered. The majority of the Commissioners voted to issue the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Dewberry voted in opposition to granting the Certificate of Compliance as it was her opinion that a third-party review was necessary.

Motion to approve was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 3 in favor to 1 opposed.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry		X		
Sharon Balcom	X			

Item 2: Minutes from October 16, 2019

Motion to approve was made by Nicole Dewberry and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 4-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Item 3: SIGN BILLS!!

Notes: Staff noted there were no bills to sign.

Item 4: Upcoming Project updates/Discussion

- **Site Visit – October 29, 2019 – Fuller Road Reconstruction Project**
 - The Commissioners discussed findings of their site visit and made a request that a delineation be conducted for a possible wetland located immediately east of the pump station building within the project area.
 - The Commissioners also discussed some possible design alternatives that they will discuss with the Project Engineer at the December 4, 2019 hearing.
- **Enforcement Orders – East Main St., Armanella St.**
 - **East Main Street** - Staff noted that they had been in contact with the Project Engineer/Landscape Architect and explained to them that the Commission was growing impatient with the progress on the Enforcement Order and that fines may be imposed on the property owner by the Commission if nothing was submitted very soon.
 - **Armanella Street** – Staff suggested that the Commission discuss this issue at a later date once more information was available.
- **Yelle Street flooding concern**
 - Staff noted that it had scheduled a site visit with the Water Pollution Control Department to discuss this issue.
- **Nicole – handout information**
 - The Commission decided to discuss at the next scheduled meeting on November 20, 2019 as there was no new applications to hear.

Item 5: Adjournment – Next scheduled meeting is November 20, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made by Nicole Dewberry and seconded by Sharon Balcom. Vote was 4-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.